City of Lafayette Staff Report

For:	City Council
By:	Leah C. Greenblat, Transportation Planner
Date Written:	February 19, 2009
Meeting Date:	March 9, 2009
Subject:	Consideration of a 4-Hour Parking Time Zone Designation on Nordstrom Lane West of Glen Road

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Introduction

The Circulation Commission considered and supported a neighborhood request to designate a portion of Nordstrom Lane as a 4-hour limited time parking zone in order to minimize the potential for BART parkers and contractors parking for extended periods on the street. Staff supports this recommendation and recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2009-010 designating both sides of Nordstrom Lane beginning at Glen Road and extending west to the end of #3671 Nordstrom Lane as a 4-hour parking time zone, Monday-Friday, 7AM to 6PM.

Discussion

On January 20, 2009, the Circulation Commission met, discussed and recommended designating the subject portion of the road as a 4-hour parking time zone, staff report and draft minutes attached. The residents in the area have experienced an intrusion of BART parkers and contractors who are parking large equipment on the street for extended periods of time. Residents in the area support implementing a parking time zone covering the area from Glen Road west for approximately 230 feet. West of this end point, the street bends and changes character such that the residents believe the roadway less desirable to inappropriate parking.

Fiscal Impact

Minimal. The cost of installing the parking signs is minimal and can be accommodated within the existing Streets Maintenance budget.

Recommendation

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-010

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2009-010
2. January 14, 2009 Circulation Commission Staff Report
3. Excerpt of January 20, 2009 draft Circulation Commission meeting minutes

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BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE

In the matter of:

Designating Both Sides of Nordstrom Lane)
Beginning at Glen Road and Extending West)
Approximately 230 Feet to the end of #3671)
Nordstrom Lane as a Four-Hour Time Zone)
Monday Through Friday, 7:00 AM -6:00 PM)

Resolution No. 2009–010

WHEREAS, staff and the Circulation Commission reviewed the parking and circulation issues in the area around Nordstrom Lane and Glen Road;

WHEREAS, the subject portion of Nordstrom Lane is a two-way residential street within a short walk of the Lafayette BART Station and wide enough to accommodate on-street parking;

WHEREAS, the subject portion of Nordstrom Lane is currently unregulated in terms of its on-street parking time zone and the on-street parking on the adjoining street is designated as four-hour parking, Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM to 6:00PM;

WHEREAS, the Circulation Commission and staff wanted to better serve the adjoining and nearby residents by discouraging BART parkers and the parking of construction vehicles;

WHEREAS, the Circulation Commission and staff recommend establishing 4-hour parking time zones, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on both sides of Nordstrom Lane beginning at Glen Road and extending approximately 230 feet to the west at the end of #3671 Nordstrom Lane; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed these parking and circulation issues in the area of Nordstrom Lane and Glen Road;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lafayette, California RESOLVES to designate both sides of Nordstrom Lane beginning at Glen Road and extending approximately 230 feet to the west to the end of #3671 Nordstrom Lane as a 4-hour parking time zone, Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above parking restriction become effective once posted or otherwise designated and then the Police Services Department is directed to enforce these new parking regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Lafayette at a regular meeting of said Council on March 9, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

MAYOR Don Tatzin

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK Joanne Robbins

City of Lafayette Staff Report

For:	Circulation Commission
By:	Leah C. Greenblat, Transportation Planner
Date Written:	January 14, 2009
Meeting Date:	January 20, 2009
Subject:	Consideration of Designating a 4-Hour Parking Time Zone on Both Sides of Nordstrom Lane Beginning at Glen Road and Extending to the end of #3671 Nordstrom Lane

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Introduction

Staff received a request to designate a portion of Nordstrom Lane as either No Parking Anytime or limited time parking. Staff recommends a 4-hour parking time zone consistent with parking time zones found on the adjacent street.

Discussion

Nordstrom Lane and Glen Road are residential streets approximately 1/3 of a mile north of the Lafayette BART Station via North Thompson Road. North Thompson and Glen Road both have posted time restrictions due to their narrow width and to minimize intrusion of BART patron parking. In narrow portions of these roads, parking is prohibited, but where space permits, 4-hour parking time zones are in place. Nordstrom Lane currently has no posted parking time restrictions. The subject street is wide enough to accommodate on-street parking.

The City received a completed Transportation Action Request form and petition from residents wishing to designate No Parking Anytime or limited hour parking on both sides of Nordstrom Lane west of Glen Road extending approximately 230 feet. Residents cite BART parkers and all-day storage of construction equipment to validate their request. Residents in the area signed a petition supporting establishment of parking restrictions.

Because there are no physical barriers necessitating a prohibition of on-street parking in the City's right-of-way, staff finds that 4-hour parking limits, Monday-Friday, 7AM to 6PM would be appropriate. This option accommodates future short-term parking needs of residents while discouraging BART parkers and equipment storage. A 4-hour parking time zone is consistent with the time zone designations on Glen Road.

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Fiscal Impact

Minimal.

Recommendation

1. Forward a recommendation to the City Council supporting a 4-hour parking time zone designation on Nordstrom Lane, Monday-Friday, 7AM-6PM.

Attachments

1. Transportation Action Request form and petition

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CITY OF LAFAYETTE
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Transportation Action Request Form

LAFAYETTE
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Before filling out this form, read the back of this sheet. Please print. Return form to:
Engineering Services Division, City of Lafayette, 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Ste. 210, Lafayette, CA 94549

Name RICHARD & BARBARA SUTCLIFFE Organization (if applicable) N/A

Date 11/28/08 Day Tel. (925)-683-6160 Eve. Tel. (925) 284-1729 E-mail RLSUTCLIFFE@COMCAST.NET

Mailing Address 3671 NORDSTROM LANE City LAFAYETTE ZIP 94549

Location of Problem (Give street name and cross street or other locational information.) Please include a simple map showing the location.

NORDSTROM LANE FROM CORNER of GLEN RD. & NORDSTROM FOR APPROXIMATE 1 BLOCK WEST. (AREA of 3671 NORDSTROM LANE)

Description of Problem (speed, sight distance, traffic signal, crosswalk, bike lanes, walkways, on-street parking, etc.) Attach a sketch, if needed, to clarify the problem.

"NO PARKING" SIGNS TO PREVENT BART PARKING STOP AT THE CORNER of GLEN RD. AND NORDSTROM LANE. BART PARKERS NOW USE THIS AREA. ALSO, LARGE COMMERCIAL TRUCKS FREQUENTLY PARK ALL DAY. THESE LARGE TRACTOR TRAILERS BREAK UP ROAD PAVEMENT, DROP OIL AND ARE UNSIGHTLY IN THE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.

Suggested Change or Improvement (signs, guard rails, traffic signal, pruning, pavement marking, speed enforcement, prohibit parking, etc.)

CONTINUE THE "NO PARKING" AND "LIMITED HOURS NO PARKING SIGNS" FROM THE CORNER of GLEN RD WEST ON NORDSTROM LANE FOR A FEW HUNDRED FEET. SEE ADDENDUM for ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (ATTACHED)

✓ Location Map Attached ✓ Sketch of Problem Area Attached ✓ Petition Attached (if required)

FOR STAFF USE ONLY Date Received _____ Tracking Number _____

Staff Review Action: θ Administrative θ Forward for Engineer Review θ Forward to Circulation Commission

Action Taken: θ Staff Action θ Circulation Commission Action θ City Council Action

W/O Requested on: _____ Applicant Notified of Outcome: _____ Completed on: _____

Form: Revised 08/2005

Addendum to City of Lafayette Transportation Action Request Form

Submitted by Richard & Barbara Sutliffe, 3671 Nordstrom Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549

November 28, 2008

Background: A number of years ago, parking by BART riders was a significant problem on Glen and North Thompson roads. The problem was largely solved when No Parking and Limited hour parking signs were placed on both Glen and North Thompson roads. These signs go up Glen Rd. and stop at Nordstrom Lane.

Current Situation: Some BART riders have realized that if they drive up Glen Rd. to Nordstrom, the posted parking restrictions stop and they can park all day on Nordstrom Lane and still be within walking distance of BART. Nordstrom Lane is wide and straight for the first long block (in front of our home at 3671 Nordstrom Lane) next to its intersection with Glen Rd. This has become a favorite parking place for some BART riders. In addition, it has also become a favorite place for large commercial trucks and trailers which use it as a staging and parking area while working in the area. They unload their equipment at the various job sites in the area and park their trucks and trailers all day at this location on Nordstrom Lane where the street is straight and wide. This has gotten especially bad during the last two years. It is a rare week day when there is not at least one truck and/or trailer parked here all day; and it is not uncommon to have several large trucks and trailers parked and moving equipment in and out all day long. (Please see attached pictures.)

Solution: A simple and easy solution to stop both the parking by BART riders and the use of this area as a parking and staging area by large commercial trucks would be to extend the No Parking or Limited hours parking signs from their stopping point at the intersection of Glen Rd. and Nordstrom Lane to a location approximately one block west (approximately 225 feet) on Nordstrom Lane. At this point Nordstrom Lane crosses a small creek and turns to the left.

Attached is a petition in support of this solution signed by a number of neighbors living on Nordstrom Lane, Glen Road and Hill Top Drive.

Thank you,

Richard & Barbara Sutliffe

Richard & Barbara Sutliffe
3671 Nordstrom Lane
Lafayette, CA 94549
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925-284-1729

City of Lafayette

Transportation Action Request Petition

Return Petition to: Engineering Services Department, City of Lafayette,
3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Ste. 210, Lafayette, CA 94549
925-284-1951

If your request will impact a number of people, the City encourages you to submit a petition showing support for your request from those affected by it. Requests that require financial contribution other than by the City (such as speed humps), require a petition. Additionally, stop signs, traffic control devices, and changes in parking regulation should be supported by petitions. For an effective petition, the applicant should canvas at least 300 feet, about one block length, in each direction of the area that would be impacted by the request. For example, for a stop sign request at an intersection, the area canvassed should cover one block length on both sides of the street on all legs of the intersection.

We, the undersigned, request the City to: CONTINUE "NO PARKING" OR "LIMITED HOURS PARKING" FROM THE CORNER of GLEN RD WEST ON NORDSTROM LANE FOR A FEW HUNDRED FEET WEST ON NORDSTROM TO PREVENT BART PARKING AND HEAVY COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING.

	Print: Name (with Business Name, if applicable)	Address	Phone No.
1	RICHARD SUTCLIFFE	3671 NORDSTROM LANE	284-1729
2	Barbara Sutcliffe	3671 Nordstrom Lane	284-1729
3	Steve Frankel	1110 Glen Road	962-9911
4	Melinda Dieden	1118 Glen Road	283-4053
5	JACINTA PISTER	1119 GLEN RD	284-3344
6	Verna Broderick	3666 Nordstrom Ln	283-8734
7	Donn Wallace	3675 Nordstrom Lane	299-6933
8	Tracy M. Wallace	3675 Nordstrom Lane	299-6833
9	Harold Stein	3679 Nordstrom Lane.	283-3871
10	[illegible]	3681 Nordstrom Lane	283-2382
11	[illegible]	3670 Nordstrom Ln	299 6784
12	Virginia L Semrau	1118 Hilltop Dr.	283 8056
13	Sandra Semrau Bohac	1118 Hilltop Dr	864-0637
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For additional petitions, copy this page. Return completed petition with Transportation Engineering Request Form.
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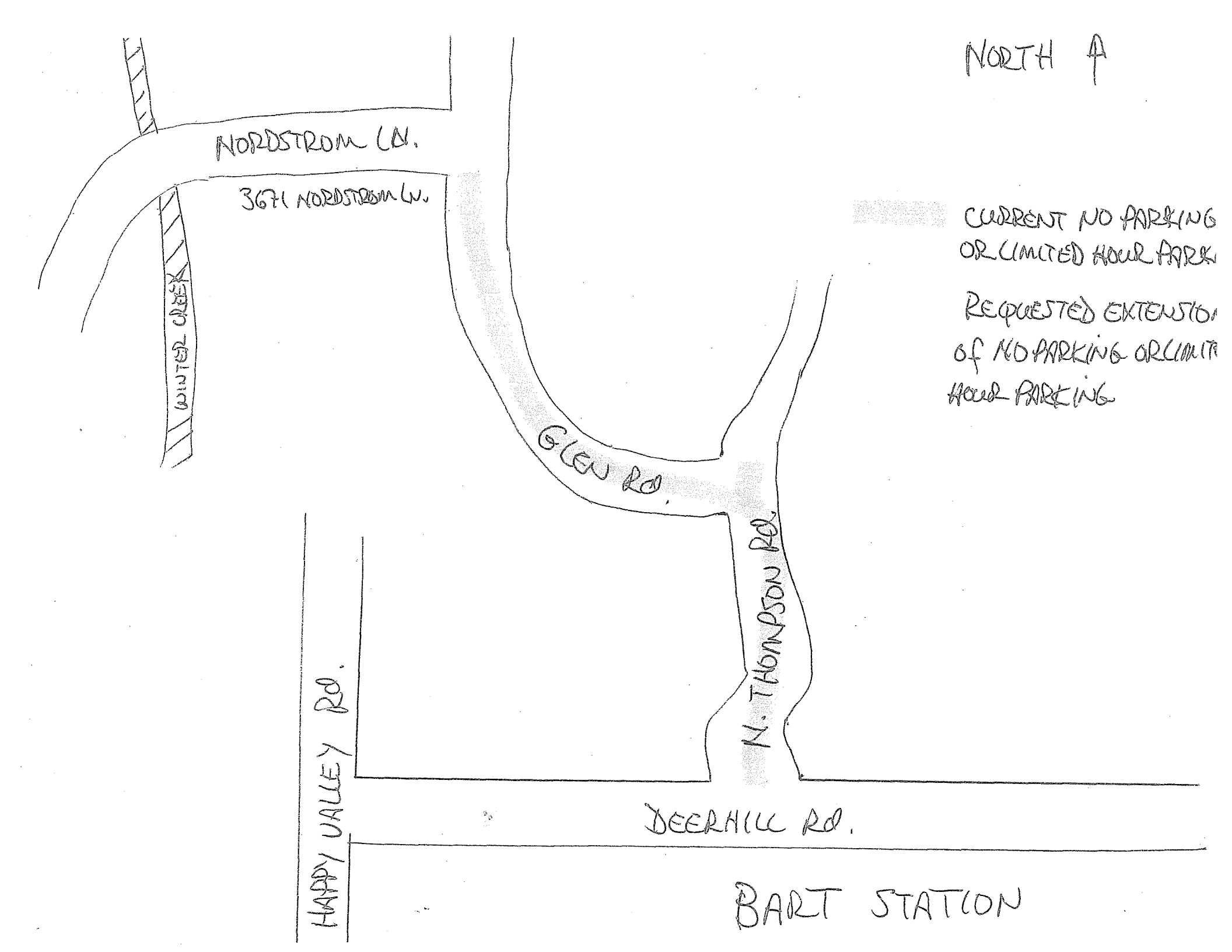
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3671 NORDSTROM LN.
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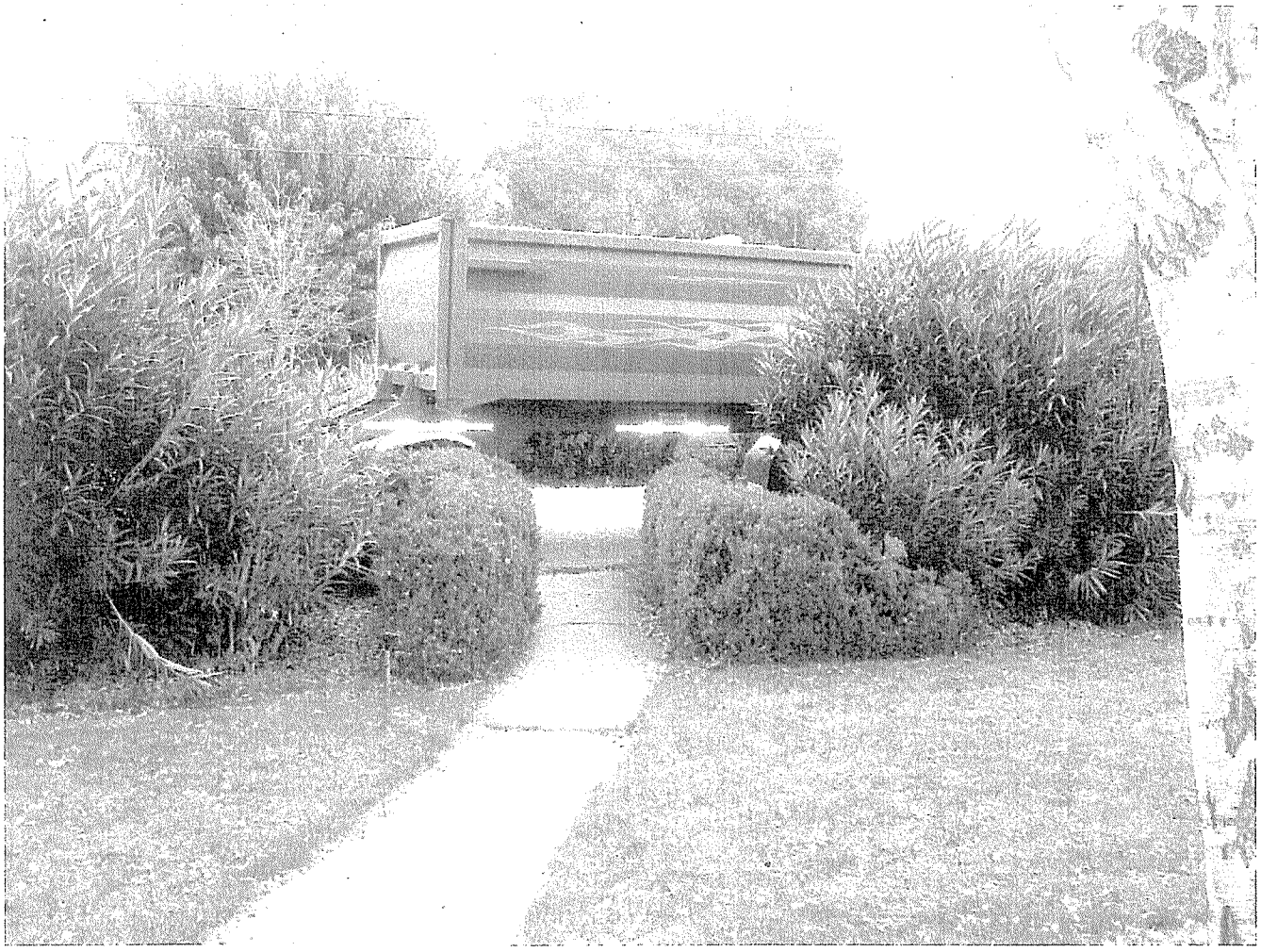

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recommend doing that in this case as it would set a precedent and there are many similar occurrences throughout the City.

Commissioner Sevilla moved and Commissioner Poling seconded to forward staff's recommendation to Council to designate the public portion of Hillview Lane as a No Parking or Stopping Anytime zone. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. Consideration of Designating a 4-Hour Parking Time Zone on Both Sides of Nordstrom Lane Beginning at Glen Road and Extending to the West End of #3671 Nordstrom Lane

Ms. Greenblat said that the City received a request from residents to designate a portion of Nordstrom Lane adjacent to Glen Road as either a No Parking Anytime or limited time parking zone. Currently there are no posted time zones at this location, while there are a variety of time zones up and down the street. Residents are noting BART patrons parking in this locations as well as some construction vehicles. Staff is recommending a 4-hour parking zone on Nordstrom Lane, Monday - Friday from 7AM - 6PM.

Commissioner Poling asked if BART patrons would then just move to another location.

Ms. Greenblat said due to the change in the roadway character further west on Nordstrom Lane, she thought it might discourage people from parking beyond the subject area but it is possible that the neighbors may come back and ask for further parking restrictions if the BART parkers continue to creep up the side streets.

Commissioner Holit said that if they did not make any changes to the parking zone then it would remain as is, which is the ability to park in that location all day.

Ms. Greenblat replied that was correct.

Chair Ross opened the meeting to public comment on this item.

Richard Sutcliffe said he has lived in the neighborhood for 28 years and submitted the transportation action form. The first block of Nordstrom is wide and straight and BART patrons come further up the Glen Road to park on Nordstrom. Large trucks use this as a staging area. Some days the trucks are there all day long. They block the entrances to people's driveways, they're noisy, and so on. He is hoping this will stop with the designation of a time zone.

Chair Ross closed the meeting to public comment on this item.

Commissioner Sevilla moved and Commissioner Hughes seconded staff's recommendation to forward to Council the designation of a 4-hour parking zone on Nordstrom Lane, Monday-Friday, 7AM - 6PM. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Consent Calendar

a. Minutes of December 1, 2008

Commissioner Poling moved and Commissioner Hughes seconded approval of the minutes of December 1, 2008 as submitted. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

7. Staff Reports

a. Review Draft Measure C Checklist Update on Recent Council Actions